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This Communication is submitted to request the status of the above-identified application. Applicants received a Communication dated August 12, 1996 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application indicating that all of the pending claims were allowable, but that due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution was being suspended for a period of six months from the date of the Communication. In this Communication the Examiner stated that upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Applicants have received no further communication from the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request that they be advised as to the status of the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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